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PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE BDT, 1999-2003

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The strategy keeps stressing "strengthening regional presence" under items of "partnership" and "internal reform".

The Conference needs to be provided with adequate information on the situation of "regional presence" in the different regions since the Nairobi, 1983 Plenipotentiary and what weaknesses are experienced. Proposals on what form "strengthening of regional presence" can be achieved need to be provided as well.

New ideas focusing on replacing partially the regional presence by high technical training centres for engineers in the region can be achieved through the collaboration of the private sector, industry and operators. In essence, human resources and management require an innovative approach.

The Conference might find it opportune to formulate a recommendation to the Plenipotentiary to nominate a special committee of experts to study the situation of regional presence.

The Sudanese Administration expresses its deep concern on the situation.

The Successor Action Plan for 1999-2003

The proposed six programmes for future activities of BDT.

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Programme 1

Should include computerized national spectrum management and the supporting radiomonitoring system.

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Programme 2

The BDT should outline in clear terms what it is going to offer to developing countries in terms of "technologies". The plan on "technologies" should go beyond the conventional activities of seminars and adopt substantive training on new technologies.

Details of such programmes need to be spelled out to facilitate discussions.

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Programme 3

It may be beneficial to developing countries that the programme reads "Rural telecom development as an integral part of the national telecom network".

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Programme 6

Should include strengthening national and regional centres to cope with new technologies and to create centres of excellence in telecom training through financial institutions, industry and operators.

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Internal reform

Bureaucracy and incurring of unnecessary administrative costs which undermine the effectiveness of the departments/divisions of the BDT should be avoided as far as possible.

The "Group of Engineers" is essential so that the BDT can render technical assistance to countries, in particular the LDCs.

Hence, the Group of Engineers and the presence of highly qualified engineers in it should be high on the agenda.

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Restructuring BDT

To assist in improving the management of BDT and in restructuring the Sector to carry out its functions in an effective manner, the Sudanese Administration takes the liberty to propose the following points:

- 1) Headquarters
 - a) reorganize the departments to reduce redundant functions;
 - b) strengthen the technical department by reinforcing the group of engineers to encompass specialists in new technologies to enable rendering assistance to developing countries;
 - c) strengthen headquarters capabilities to render services to developing countries in telecom restructuring, computerized national spectrum management and long-term technology plans for future use of the radio-frequency spectrum.

- 2) To help in reducing running costs of BDT, BDT should seek a core of high expertise teams from industry and operators to call upon to assist developing countries.
- 3) BDT to approach investment agencies, development banks both global, regional and national and urge them to attach high priority to the developing countries through loans, etc.
- 4) To reduce internal costs, measures to improve information management system in the BDT should be undertaken.

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Special Programme for Assistance of LDCs

The Sudanese Administration attaches great importance to Resolution 1 of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 1994) and proposes to WTDC-98 (Valletta, Malta, 1998) to resolve a similar programme to be included in the BDT Action Plan 1999-2003.
